

NOTICE OF HEARING

D.T.E. 04-11

June 9, 2004

Joint Petition of Boston Edison Company, Cambridge Electric Light Company, and Commonwealth Electric Company d/b/a NSTAR Electric for approval by the Department of Telecommunications and Energy of its 2004 Energy Efficiency Plan.

On February 17, 2004, Boston Edison Company, Cambridge Electric Light Company, and Commonwealth Electric Company d/b/a NSTAR Electric ("Company") filed with the Department of Telecommunications and Energy ("Department") its 2004 Energy Efficiency Plan ("Plan"). The Plan was filed pursuant to G.L. c. 25, § 19, G.L. c. 25A, § 11G, G.L. c. 164, § 17A, and NSTAR Electric, D.T.E. 00-63 (2001), and Order Promulgating Final Guidelines to Evaluate and Approve Energy Efficiency Programs, D.T.E. 98-100 (2000) ("Guidelines"). The Plan includes programs for residential customers, including a program for low-income customers, and for commercial and industrial customers. The Company's filing proposes budgets for these initiatives for 2004. The Plan also includes a program for municipalities and small businesses in which the Company will provide financing for the purchase of equipment by the program participants. The Division of Energy Resources ("DOER"), pursuant to G.L. c. 25A, § 11G and the Guidelines at § 6.2, has reviewed the Plan and has filed a report with the Department and the Companies ("DOER Report"). The Department will investigate whether the Plan is consistent with G.L. c. 25, § 19, G.L. c. 25A, § 11G, G.L. c. 164, § 17A, and the Guidelines.

The Department has scheduled a hearing on the financing component of the Company's filing pursuant to the Department's authority under G.L. c. 164, § 17A. The hearing will convene on Wednesday, June 16, 2004 at 2:00 p.m., at the Department's offices, One South Station, 2nd Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02110.

Any person desiring further information regarding the Plan should contact counsel for the Companies, David S. Rosenzweig, Esq., Keegan, Werlin & Pabian at (617) 951-1400. Any person desiring further information regarding this notice should contact Jody M. Stiefel, Hearing Officer, Department of Telecommunications and Energy, at (617) 305-3500.